

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

BRIAN WATSON MICHALEK, et al.,

No. 2:20-cv-0121 KJM DB PS

Plaintiffs,

v.

JOHN TOTONOTNNA, et al.,

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Defendants,

Plaintiff Brian Watson Michalek is proceeding in this action pro se. This matter was referred to the undersigned in accordance with Local Rule 302(c)(21) and 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). On April 27, 2020, plaintiff was granted sixty days to retain counsel to proceed with this action. (ECF No. 3.) The docket reflects that plaintiff has not responded to the court's order in any manner.

The failure of a party to comply with any order of the court "may be grounds for imposition by the Court of any and all sanctions authorized by statute or Rule or within the inherent power of the Court." Local Rule 110. Any individual representing himself or herself without an attorney is bound by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Local Rules, and all applicable law. Local Rule 183(a). Failure to comply with applicable rules and law may be grounds for dismissal or any other sanction appropriate under the Local Rules. Id.

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In light of plaintiff's pro se status, and in the interests of justice, the court will provide plaintiff with an opportunity to show good cause for plaintiff's conduct.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Plaintiff show cause in writing within fourteen days of the date of this order as to why this case should not be dismissed for lack of prosecution¹; and

2. Plaintiff is cautioned that the failure to timely comply with this order may result in a recommendation that this case be dismissed.

DATED: October 14, 2020

/s/ DEBORAH BARNES

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

¹ Alternatively, if plaintiff no longer wishes to pursue this civil action, plaintiff may comply with this order by filing a request for voluntary dismissal pursuant to Rule 41(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.